

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING TIMOTHY FESKO
FOR HIS LIFETIME OF PUBLIC
SERVICE

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I take this time to recognize Timothy Fesko, former Indiana State Representative, who was recently appointed by Governor Eric Holcomb as the new chairman of the Gary/Chicago International Airport Authority. Tim's remarkable career and his years of selfless public service to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond are truly admirable and worthy of the highest commendation.

Timothy Fesko graduated from Indiana University in 1965, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business and economics. In the private sector, Tim has had a very successful career as a business agent in real estate and insurance with the Don Powers Agency. In 1990, Mr. Fesko's desire to serve his community led him to run for office, and he was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives. Representative Fesko would serve in this capacity until stepping down in 1998.

Tim Fesko is a man of vision. For example, he saw the value of extending and improving the South Shore Commuter Line long before others. He also works hard throughout Northwest Indiana and across the state. Mr. Fesko has served as chairman of the Lake County Advancement Center for many years, and he was appointed by former Governor Mitch Daniels to serve on the Indiana Gaming Commission, a position he held for one term. Mr. Fesko continues to use his expertise and knowledge for the betterment of Northwest Indiana, and I wish him well on his newly appointed position as chairman of the Gary/Chicago International Airport Authority.

Throughout his career, Timothy Fesko has generously served his community by giving of his time and efforts to various organizations and civic activities that work to improve the quality of life for Northwest Indiana residents, including the Northwest Indiana Forum, Boy Scouts of America, Rotary Club of Munster, Tradewinds Rehabilitation Center, YMCA, Indiana Society of Chicago, Campagna Academy, and Crisis Center, Incorporated, to name a few. For his exceptional devotion to these earnest causes, Tim was awarded the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash Award in 2000 by Governor Frank O'Bannon, and in 2008 by Governor Mitch Daniels.

Tim's dedication to his community and state is exceeded only by his devotion to his wonderful family. He and his amazing wife, Frankie, have three children, Heather, Don, and Tim, and six beloved grandchildren, who are carrying on his family legacy.

I am proud that Tim Fesko is my friend, and I cannot thank him enough for all that he has done for me over the years. I am even more

grateful for what he has done for so many for so long, strangers and friends alike. His is a life we should all seek to emulate.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Timothy Fesko for his lifetime of service. I would also like to wish him well on his newly appointed position with the Gary/Chicago International Airport Authority. For Mr. Fesko's truly remarkable career and his outstanding dedication to his community, he is worthy of our sincere appreciation.

HONORING ROCHELLE SHERLOCK
WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR
AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rochelle Sherlock as a woman of the year. She is passionately devoted to improving her community both through her career and volunteerism. Ms. Sherlock co-founded the Senior Coalition of Solano County, a volunteer based group which advises the Solano County Board of Supervisors on how best to serve the senior community. She has also been an invaluable part of my Senior Advisory Group where she has played an essential role in increasing my awareness and understanding of the critical issues facing seniors in our community. As co-founder of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls, she advanced the goal of improving the economic status, health and social welfare, and overall quality of life for women and girls in Solano County. She is also a founding member of 100 Women Who Care, a philanthropic organization which provides financial support for local charities doing important work. She also co-founded the first Solano County Volunteer Center and is a member of the Volunteer Center of the Bay Area Board. Ms. Sherlock has done extensive volunteer work in service to her community while maintaining her role as the founder and CEO of Potentiate, a consulting firm for private companies, government, and non-profit organizations. She also does pro-bono consulting work for dozens of local non-profits and civic leaders that has greatly enhanced their ability to more efficiently serve the needs of our community. The significant positive impact Rochelle Sherlock has had on this community cannot be overstated, and she is extremely worthy of this recognition.

SHERIFF DOMINIC MATTIVI
TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sheriff Dominic Mattivi, Jr. for his 27 years of service to the Ouray County Sheriff's Department as he prepares for retirement.

Sheriff Mattivi began his career with the Ouray County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sheriff, and became Sheriff in 2001. With Ouray County at the beginning of the "Million Dollar Highway," Sheriff Mattivi has been on the scene of many accidents and rescues over the years and has impacted many lives. Sheriff Mattivi's job has certainly not been easy, but throughout his career he has always risen to the occasion as a dedicated and professional lawman. His work and commitment to Ouray County has never wavered and he has become one of the most respected members of the community.

His service goes beyond working hours, and when he's not on the job Sheriff Mattivi can often be found volunteering in his community. He has spent 35 years with the Ouray Volunteer Fire Department, including 20 years with the Ouray County Extrication Team. Additionally, he has worked as a volunteer for the local Red Cross, taught CPR classes, trained lifeguards at the Ouray Hot Springs Pool and annually donated his efforts to ensure the firework displays were properly put together on the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve. The Ouray community has been truly fortunate to have Sheriff Mattivi looking out for its safety and working to make it the vibrant community that it is.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff Mattivi has dutifully served the Ouray community and his dedication will be remembered. It is my privilege to recognize him for the important work he has done throughout his life and I wish him all the best in his retirement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
MULLIN FAMILY

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Paul and Mary Kate Mullin on the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Esther Mullin, on September 30, 2018 at 9:30 p.m. in Indianapolis, Indiana. The newest addition to a long line of Hoosiers, her maternal grandparents are Patrick Mulligan, a farmer, and Marilyn Marra, a retired school principal. Marilyn now resides in Fishers, Indiana with her husband Ronan. Patrick still resides in Kentland with his wife Tansey Mulligan. Kathryn's father, Paul Owen Mullin, is a partner at the venerable litigation-boutique firm

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Lewis And Wilkins in Indianapolis. Indianapolis Monthly characterized Paul last month as a long-time supporter of the city's art community. Kathryn's paternal grandparents are Pat and Val Mullin, retired, and residents of Nashville, Indiana. Pat had a career in sales and Val was a high school English teacher. Kathryn's maternal great-grandfather, Charles Richard Paul, 96 years old, originally from Evansville, is still an active stockbroker and will be teaching Kathryn the importance of trading with puts and calls starting in a few years. Although she does not realize it yet, Kathryn's best friend is Noor, the family dog. I congratulate the entire Mullin family on the birth of Kathryn and wish her a long, happy life.

SALVADORAN ARCHBISHOP
OSCAR ROMERO: A SAINT FOR
ALL OF US

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, October 14, the Vatican officially canonized Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was assassinated on March 24, 1980, on the eve of El Salvador's 12-year civil war.

In a ceremony presided over by Pope Francis, the first pope from Latin America, Romero will become a saint alongside Pope Paul VI, Italian priests Francesco Spinelli and Vincenzo Romano, German nun Maria Caterina Kasper, and Spanish nun Nazaria Ignazia. The canonizations will take place at the Vatican during the 2018 Synod of Bishops, a meeting of bishops from around the world that this year will address the topic of young people, who were much beloved by Archbishop Romero.

In attendance will be many Salvadorans and Latin Americans, including a delegation from the United States who are current beneficiaries of Temporary Protected Status (TPS), an immigration status, which President Trump has stripped from over 260,000 Salvadorans currently residing legally in the United States because it's simply too dangerous for them to return home.

In May 2015, I had the privilege of attending the beatification of Romero in San Salvador. Surrounded by many high religious and government officials, especially from Latin America, I was most moved by the hundreds of thousands of ordinary Salvadorans, many who had traveled for days from rural areas to attend this special mass. While they likely would have preferred to see him canonized in his home country, they can only be overjoyed that the name and message of "Saint Romero of the Americas" will now be shared with the world.

As a Catholic, I am proud of my Church for finally recognizing this man of God who lived his faith. As a politician, I continue to be inspired by Romero's example—his total commitment to the poor and his unwavering commitment to the dignity of every human being.

Romero was shot through the heart by a sniper while celebrating mass in the chapel of the Hospital of Divine Providence, a church-run hospital in San Salvador specializing in cancer and care of the terminally ill, which still

operates today and maintains as a shrine the humble dwelling where Romero resided on their grounds.

He was murdered the day after he called on the Salvadoran military to stop killing innocent civilians at the beginning of El Salvador's civil war. The U.N. Truth Commission, created as part of the negotiations that ended that war, determined that Roberto D'Aubuisson, a former army major and founder of the right-wing ARENA political party, coordinated a death squad and ordered the assassination.

Romero's calls to end the violence afflicting his nation and his solidarity with El Salvador's poor appealed to me as a college student in the late 1970s. I still remember learning about his murder and believing that this terrible crime would result in the termination of U.S. aid to a government and military that persecuted social justice activists and had no respect for human rights. Sadly, it did not.

The U.S. continued to finance the Salvadoran armed forces for the next decade. While Congress expressed concern about human rights issues, it wasn't until Congressman Joe Moakley courageously offered and Congress passed an amendment in 1990 to cut aid that the blank check stopped. And that was after the deaths of nearly 80,000 civilians, the murder of human rights defenders, labor leaders, nuns and then six Jesuit priests and two women in 1989. I traveled to El Salvador many times during the 1980s and saw firsthand the brutality of the Salvadoran government and military supported by my government. I felt ashamed.

Reagan and Bush Administration officials routinely turned a blind eye to torture, disappearances and murder. They characterized anyone who questioned the human rights record of the Salvadoran government as an ally of the Faribundo Marti National Liberation Army (FMLN)—the armed opposition. They belittled and tried to discredit those—like Romero and the Jesuits—who dared to speak the truth.

For Romero, the truth about El Salvador came later in his life, as he rose in the Church hierarchy. In the mid-1970s, he served as bishop of the rural diocese of Santiago de Maria, where the gap between coffee plantation and other landowners and campesinos was obvious. He saw for himself the suffering and cruel repression of the poor, which affected him deeply and triggered a process of reflection and change. This process culminated in the 1977 assassination of his close friend, Jesuit priest Rutilio Grande, who embraced liberation theology, which puts the poor and the oppressed first and prioritizes the concrete defense of their rights. After Grande's murder, Romero said, "When I look at Rutilio lying dead I thought, 'If they have killed him for doing what he did, then I, too, have to walk the same path.'" Indeed, Romero believed "those committed to the poor must share the same fate as the poor."

Romero became a voice for those who had no voice; he preached that everyone was important. He embodied hope for the millions of people in El Salvador who were forgotten and the targets of repression. In his diaries, he wrote: "Between the powerful and the wealthy, and the poor and vulnerable, who should a pastor side with? I have no doubts. A pastor should stay with his people."

To his dying day, Archbishop Romero called on us to unite in love for the poor, the

marginalized and the forgotten. The ceremony this weekend will finally recognize him as a saint. It offers all of us an opportunity not only to reflect on Romero's life, but also to commit ourselves to policies aimed at peace, human rights, alleviating poverty and promoting non-violence in El Salvador and around the world.

The sad fact is that El Salvador and the international community have largely failed in transforming Romero's words into action. We continue to witness thousands of young children and families fleeing Central American countries as a result of violence and extreme poverty. Even in the United States, the gap between the rich and the poor continues to grow and justice on too many occasions fails to work for those who are most disadvantaged. Hundreds of millions around the world are hungry—even though hunger is a solvable problem; and war and violence too often seem to be the first choice to deal with conflicts.

I am hopeful that the power of Romero's message can inspire new activism on behalf of the marginalized and the poor and a better understanding of their plight and struggles—in El Salvador, the United States and around the world. Romero reminded us, "There are many things that can only be seen through eyes that have cried." With his canonization, we have an opportunity to renew our commitment and honor his legacy by giving a voice to the persecuted, the poor and neglected in every nation. Now is the time to stand on the right side of history and help those who need it most.

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sally Serger as a woman of the year. As a dedicated educator who is passionate about her family and community, Ms. Sally Serger has devoted over 25 years of her life to teaching deaf and hard-of-hearing special-needs children in Oroville for the Sutter County Office of Education. With her persistence and positivity, she has been able to touch the lives of countless children who otherwise might not receive the patient care and instruction so critical to their development. It is a point of pride for Ms. Serger when she has the opportunity to interact with the students who she has seen grow into successful young adults throughout her career. Ms. Serger also spends time volunteering in myriad other capacities throughout her community. She is a member of the California Women for Agriculture, the La Porte Snowmobile Club, and has served for over 30 years as a project and community leader for the renowned 4-H Program. When one considers that 4-H seeks to engage youth in reaching their fullest potential, it is no surprise to learn that Ms. Serger has chosen to spend her time with this organization. In addition to her work as an educator, Ms. Serger has been a consistent force in improving the western bank of the Feather River, and by diligently advocating for her community, she became instrumental in securing local funding for the strengthening of Sutter